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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices entered the week unchanged on the larger sizes and unchanged to slightly lower on the lighter weights. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand was mostly moderate to good, with holiday and promotional activity being a major factor. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock demand continued light for adequate offerings. Offerings of light type hens were adequate for normal to less than normal schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to one cent lower on mediums and unchanged for the larger sizes based on previous week average pricing. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand was moderate to good and increased in some locations due to Easter needs. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the only fair demand. Light type fowl were adequate for irregular processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were one cent lower for mediums and unchanged on the larger sized eggs. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where items were featured for Easter. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to available for current requirements.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady to at times barely steady. Retail demand remained moderate to usually good with Easter sales and feature activity still providing the best interest. Foodservice movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with mediums the most longest position. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for needs. Demand continued light with most breakers relying on regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good. Easter holiday movement in full swing with some processors working extra hours. Supplies adequate for current needs.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida prices were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged to slightly lower on lighter weights. The market tone was about steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where Easter features were in progress for this week. Supplies were sufficient for current needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending April 6, 2001 was 85.82 cents, unchanged from the previous week, however, 22.72 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate and demand was light. Light type hens were adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 14% lower than last Monday with California down 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 27%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Easter stocks generally clearing well.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	104-106	93-95	79-81
New York	90-92	87-90	72-75
Philadelphia	88-90	86-88	71-73
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	81-82	79.5-81	64-65
Jackson (1)	89-90	88-89	73-74
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	86-101	85-99	69-83
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	77-82	76-81	61-66
Detroit (2)	74-77	73-76	57-60
Major Ohio Cities (2)	75-81	74-79	58-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	78-85	76-83	61-68
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	94-98	91-94	75-78
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	116	109	99

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 7% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Easter floor stocks usually clearing well. Small invoice price 79. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen or 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free. Sunday ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	116
LARGE	109
MEDIUM	99

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	245-279
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	225-269
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	199-259
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-219

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 13, 2001 will increase by 10 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 06, 2001 were 347,893 cases which was 15 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	314,586	33,307	347,893
% change from the prior week.....	+16	+4	+15

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for needs. Demand continued light with most breakers relying on regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	38-40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged. Demand was generally moderate for adequate supplies of heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was usually steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-APR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.25 CENTS/LB.	7.5-9	8.46

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as generally normal. Canner interest was still clearing the increased availability of offerings. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-APR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-9.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.52

PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 09,2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.2	22.6	10.1	18.1	12.2	71.2
	Change	-3.6	-4.4	1.4	1.7	-1.1	-8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.4	42.7	10.3	32.0	23.5	136.9
	Change	-11.5	-10.0	-1.4	-3.5	-3.9	-18%
Large	Curr Wk	49.4	123.2	61.2	82.8	121.1	437.7
	Change	-17.5	-60.9	-18.2	-18.8	-30.3	-25%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.1	34.2	15.7	19.0	23.6	106.6
	Change	-0.6	-2.1	0.9	-3.7	2.0	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.7	9.2	2.6	5.9	4.6	28.0
	Change	0.8	1.8	0.6	-2.5	-1.6	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.8	19.7	6.4	11.5	5.0	49.4
	Change	-3.3	-1.0	1.2	0.9	1.1	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	25.7	45.7	17.9	20.6	30.4	140.3
	Change	-10.3	-1.3	-8.8	-8.9	-3.3	-19%
Total	Curr Wk	138.3	297.3	124.2	189.9	220.4	970.1
Percent	Change	-25%	-21%	-16%	-15%	-14%	-18%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	970.1	-18%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	240.3	-5%	38

Total Shell Egg 1210.4 -16% 208
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 26, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 06, 2001

CURRENT LOADS							7.75		FUTURE LOADS							21.75		TOTAL LOADS							29.50	
SE				NE			MW		LOADS		SC				NW			SW			LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	62.00	64.00	62.00	63.00	—	—	16.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	45.00	46.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	58.00	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	—	—	.50								
GL W XL	—	—	70.00	71.40	—	—	1.50	GL W LG	57.00	—	—	—	—	—	63.00	—	—	.50								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75	GL W MD	47.00	—	42.00	—	—	—	49.80	—	—	5.25								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.25																			
GL W SM	—	—	21.00	22.40	—	—	1.75																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/31/01-04/06/01

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS	
113.50								59.75								173.25	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GNR W 1	—	65.24	—	—	—	—	37.00		
GNR W 1	61.38	65.33	61.50	62.75	59.75	60.60	73.00	GNR W 2	—	64.00	—	—	—	—	3.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00	GNR W 3	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	4.00		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	45.50	46.50	—	—	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	58.00	1.00		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	45.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	58.00	66.80	—	—	—	68.00	2.75		
GL W XL	—	—	70.00	70.52	58.00	—	13.75	GL W LG	57.00	71.84	—	—	73.00	71.58	15.25		
GL W LG	—	72.14	60.00	62.00	61.53	—	21.50	GL W MD	47.00	53.83	42.00	—	—	49.80	6.25		
GL W MD	—	49.80	49.83	54.50	—	—	10.75										
GL W SM	24.29	25.64	22.15	23.68	—	—	12.50										
GL BR SM	—	—	23.00	24.50	—	—	.25										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	32.00	—	33.32	34.75	8.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	31.00	—	—	34.00	1.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 03/25/01 - 03/31/01

State	# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To	Total State
	Northern, CA	Central, CA	Southern, CA	
Arkansas	0.00	0.00	631.00	631.00
Colorado	0.00	0.00	2,546.00	2,546.00
Iowa	3,423.00	755.00	24,856.00	29,034.00
Minnesota	0.00	1,620.00	12,698.00	14,318.00
Missouri	0.00	0.00	6,243.00	6,243.00
New Hampshire	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Ohio	0.00	2,044.00	940.00	2,984.00
Oregon	1,738.00	0.00	0.00	1,738.00
Texas	0.00	0.00	800.00	800.00
Utah	360.00	3,780.00	1,980.00	6,120.00
Washington	0.00	0.00	900.00	900.00
Wisconsin	800.00	0.00	1,402.00	2,202.00
TOTAL	6,321.00	8,199.00	53,596.00	68,116.00
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	6,321.00	8,199.00	53,596.00	68,116.00

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	85-88	74-77	60-63	21-24

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
82-85	73-79	71-76	55-60	29-33

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
56-58	40-42	13-15

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
95.57	94.57	79.44	49.21

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/02/01	03/26/01	04/03/00
PACIFIC COAST	187	229	454
LOS ANGELES	150	206	319

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 03/25/01-03/31/01

30-dozen cases 4,806

Receipts from the mainland: 03/18/01-03/24/01

30-dozen cases 4,645

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